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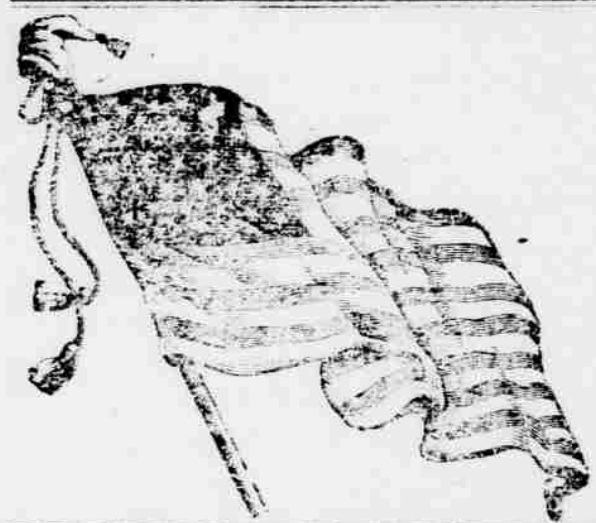
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THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

A private of the 90th Infantry, formerly of Camp Sevier, but now stationed at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, is the author of these rhymes which he has entitled "The Soldier's Prayer."

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my gun to keep,  
Grant no other soldier take  
Socks or shoes before I wake.

Lord, please grant me with my slumber,  
To keep my cot upon its lumber,  
May no pegs or guy ropes break,  
To drop this tent before I wake.

Keep me safe in Thy sight,  
Grant no fire drills at night,  
And in the morning let me wake,  
Breathing scents of sirloin steak.

God protect me in my dreams,  
And make it better than it seems,  
Grant the time may swiftly fly,  
That sends me home to live or die.

Deliver me from all work and drills,  
And when I'm sick don't feed me pills,  
If I should hurt this head of mine,  
Don't paint it up with Iodine.

In a snowy feather bed,  
Where I long to lay my head,  
Far away from all Camp scenes,  
And the smell of half baked beans.

Take me back into the land,  
Where the people walk without a band,  
Where no thrilling bugle blows,  
To let us know the sun has rose,  
And the women wash the clothes.

God, thou knowest all my woes,  
Give me back my civilian clothes,  
Take me back—I'll promise then,  
Never to enlist again.—Amen.

The suddenness of Ex-President Roosevelt's death was characteristic of his entire life. When any thing was to be done, he did it. There was no delay nor shilly-shallying in his make-up.

When Americans nickname a public man it generally means that there is a wide-spread affection for him. Who is there whom we nickname now that our "Teddy" is gone?

We hear that the peace conference is to take up labor questions. It is to be feared that this will end its usefulness, for peace could not exist within two miles of a labor question.

The people in Germany seem at the present time to be divided between Sparta-cusses and Humcusses.

## OUR LESSON IN ECONOMY

The circumstances under which America was founded made her a thrifty nation. In the earliest days, before manufactures were established, practically everything that a household needed had to be drawn from its own resources. This made the Americans far-seeing and very carefully provident. As time went on and the nation realized itself master of almost limitless natural resources, its earlier careful habits dropped away and a new liberality of living took their place. People gained the idea that there was no object in stinting in any direction, for there would always be enough. Wherever Americans travelled they gained the reputation of being the most careless and extravagant people upon the face of the earth.

The war has pulled us up short. It has made us feel that there is something far greater than our own requirements and desires. We now realize that it is worth while to sacrifice lesser things for the sake of greater ones. And the nation has returned much nearer to the economy of its earlier days.

We have had lessons in carefulness and temperance in all things and in thrift. It will be an opportunity thrown away if we allow these lessons to be lost again upon us.

We will gain as a nation if we make the excellent habits of care and thrift part of our lives.

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### Town Clock For Scotland Neck

Editor Commonwealth:—  
I see that the Scotland Neck Bank has shown a progressive of spirit in putting up a beautiful clock which hangs over the side walk. This is not only a splendid and unique way to advertise this progressive Bank, but it renders a real and distinct service to the town and especially for about a block all around when it can be seen and heard. Many thanks to the Bank. And it reminds us of how much we need and the importance of a large town clock put up so it can be seen and heard all over town. This is a thing we all need for it will inspire the young and cheer up the old, and its good for the sick and the well, aids the school children in being on time, and helps all who go to church on Sunday to be there when the Lessons starts and most of them need it as the rule to try and come a little late. It sounds good to the stranger who may be in town to hear and so the town clock, while it has no real life yet it shows life for it works on day and night in season and out of season in good weather and in storm and keeps company for the beautiful moon two electric lights of Heaven at night while we sleep.

Lets have a big loud striking clock by April 1st, 1919. We need it, other towns have such clocks and why not have one in Scotland Neck. Civilization and the intelligent world have long ago recognized the need and importance of town clocks.

Lets see the town commissioners about this matter and if they shirk and say it will cost too much for the town.

Lets have a mass meeting and see if the people want a clock of this kind and if they want get it why let us raise the money by private subscriptions which can be easily done if we start it right and we will go over the top some time on other things so lets have a large town clock which can be seen and heard all over town. I believe this town clock would be a popular thing because we all are more or less benefitted by it.

J. D. RAY

### FOR SALE OR TRADE—ONE

Berkshire Boar, one year old, entitled to registration.  
J. H. ALEXANDER, Jr.

## School Lessons

Miss Ashcraft makes the following assignments—

### French—Tenth Grade

Review and learn Verbs Avoir, Etre and Donner in all forms. (Indicative Aff. and neg. Interrogative Aff. and Neg.) All vocabularies studied to date. Find six verbs conjugated as Donner. Write these verbs in the forms named above and hand in at the beginning of school.

### Latin—Tenth Grade

Be prepared for final examination on Caesar.

### Eleventh Grade

French—Read two and one half pages each day.

Be sure and begin with the story following Les Deux Reines.

### Latin—Tenth

Thirty lines of Virgil each day. Examinations will be given covering this work the first week after school begins.

### WEATHER REPORT

For the week ending Jan. 16 1919  
Temp Highest 62° on 19th.  
Temp. Lowest 21° on 16th.  
Average high 55-57°  
Average Low 32-57°  
Rainfall 77/100.  
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